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	REFERENCE: 130.082 U.S. Patent App. 10/004,742 <i>Corn Degermination Process</i>

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Response to Office Action – U.S. Patent Application 10/004,742

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	First Named Inventor	Matthews, Peter
	Art Unit	1781
	Examiner Name	Weler, Anthony J.
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for FY 2005

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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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Independent	-20** =	X	
Multiple Dependent	-3** =	X	

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1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20
1201 88	2201 44	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203 300	2203 150	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204 88	2204 44	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205 18	2205 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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1053 130	1053 130	Non-English specification	
1812 2,520	1812 2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804 920*	1804 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month	110
1252 430	2252 215	Extension for reply within second month	
1253 980	2253 490	Extension for reply within third month	
1254 1,530	2254 765	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255 2,080	2255 1,040	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401 340	2401 170	Notice of Appeal	
1402 340	2402 170	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403 300	2403 150	Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452 110	2452 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453 1,370	2453 685	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501 1,370	2501 685	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
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1503 660	2503 330	Plant issue fee	
1460 130	1460 130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807 50	1807 50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(c)	
1808 180	1808 180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
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1801 790	2801 395	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802 900	1802 900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

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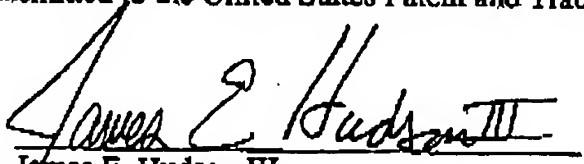
In response to the Office action of 28 June 2004, Applicant, through its counsel of record, responds as follows:

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the findings of anticipation in light of U.S. Patent 5,250,313 issued to Giguere with regards to Claim 1, and Claims 2 -13 dependent therefrom. A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference. MPEP § 2131. A rejection based on 35 U.S.C. 102(b) can be overcome by persuasively arguing that the claims are patentably distinguishable from the prior art. MPEP § 706.02(b).

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